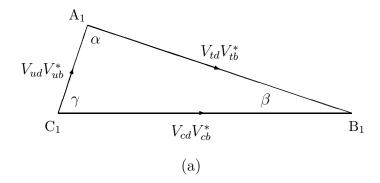


Figure 1: A schematic graph illustrating the Cabibbo triangle for  $V_{us}$  (see eq. (12)). The experimental constraints imply that the phase angle  $\Delta \sigma$  is close to  $90^{\circ}$ .



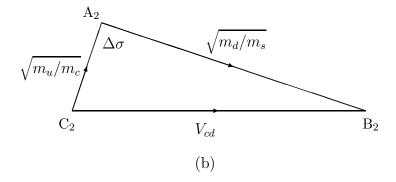


Figure 2: The unitarity triangle (a) and the Cabibbo triangle for  $V_{cd}$  (b) are related by a scale transformation (scale factor  $V_{cb}^*$ ) in the complex plane.